

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, TW  
SUBJECT: ROC EMBASSY AND CONSULATE STAFFING IN U.S.

REF: STATE 032730

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR FEB. 16 CALLED ON MOFA DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WANG MENG-HSIEN, TO INQUIRE ABOUT GROC PLANS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF OFFICIAL STAFFS IN THE U.S. AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS. WANG CONFIRMED THAT REGULATIONS WERE BEING MODIFIED TO ALLOW FOR GREATER SIZE AND STAFFING FLEXIBILITY IN MISSIONS ABROAD, INCLUDING THE U.S. HE SAID MOFA NEEDED GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN ASSIGNING AVAILABLE PERSONNEL OVERSEAS, BUT SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CONCRETE PLANS TO INCREASE STAFFS IN THE U.S. HE EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEWS THAT THE MINISTRY'S "PERSONNEL SHORTAGE" WOULD NOT ALLOW FOR SUCH EXPANSION IN THE SHORT RUN AND SPECULATED THAT PRESS REPORTS TO THAT EFFECT WERE DESIGNED TO RESPOND TO LEGISLATIVE YUAN AND PUBLIC PRESSURES TO STEP UP DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN THE U.S.

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR PRESENTED USG VIEW THAT GROC STAFF IN U.S. WAS ALREADY ADEQUATE TO PERFORM CUSTOMARY DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR AND INFORMATION SERVICES, AND THAT FURTHER EXPANSION WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION OF LIMITING THE NUMBER OF STAFF.

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HE DREW ON POINTS IN PARAGRAPHS TWO AND THREE OF REFTEL TO EXPLAIN U.S. POSITION.

3. WANG SEEMED TO TAKE EMBASSY PRESENTATION IN STRIDE, AND SAID HE WOULD BRING U.S. VIEWS ON THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE VICE MINISTER.

4. COMMENT: JUDGING FROM WANG'S REACTIONS, IT DOES NOT  
APPEAR LIKELY MOFA INTENDS TO ASSIGN ADDITIONAL STAFF TO THE  
EMBASSY OR ELSEWHERE IN THE U.S. ANY TIME SOON. IN ANY EVENT,  
DEMARCHE HAS PLACED OUR VIEWS ON THE RECORD IN SUFFICIENT  
TIME TO ALLOW MOFA TO RECONSIDER ANY PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
NEW STAFFING PATTERN IN THE U.S.  
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